

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Greef, on March 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)

##### **Members Absent:**

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action on: SB 224; SB 278; SB 306

00:01:17 Rep. Fitzgerald joined the meeting

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 224**

00:03:21 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **SB 224 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:03:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy. Rep. Fern will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 278**

00:05:36 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **SB 278 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:05:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-0 by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy. Rep. Staffanson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 306**

**Discussion:**

00:09:28 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:11:13 Chair Greef

00:12:59 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

00:13:57 Rep. A. Hertz

00:14:44 Rep. Fern

00:15:36 Chair Greef

00:15:39 Rep. Usher

00:15:59 Rep. Custer

00:16:27 Rep. Hayman

00:16:53 Rep. A. Hertz

00:17:38 Recessed

00:36:22 Reconvened

00:36:34 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **SB 306 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:36:48 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **SB 306 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(loh58a01)

**Discussion:**

00:37:53 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

00:38:35 Rep. Curtis

00:39:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy.

00:41:49 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **SB 306 BE AMENDED.**

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**Discussion:**

00:42:05 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

00:42:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy.

00:44:34 **Motion:** Rep. A. Hertz moved that **SB 306 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(loh58a03)

**Discussion:**

00:44:44 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

00:45:15 Rep. Usher

00:46:02 Rep. A. Hertz

00:46:21 Rep. Fern

00:48:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:49:37 Rep. Hayman

00:51:00 Rep. Swanson

00:51:16 **Motion:** Rep. Swanson moved that **SB 306 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:51:33 Rep. A. Hertz

00:53:00 Rep. Usher

00:53:56 Rep. Lavin

00:54:59 Rep. Usher

00:55:15 Bill Gowen, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

00:55:47 Rep. Lavin

00:56:00 Bill Gowen, MLTA

00:57:24 Rep. Custer

00:58:07 Bill Gowen, MLTA

00:59:20 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting

00:59:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Garner, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. A. Hertz, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Skees, Rep. Trebas, Rep. Usher and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mandeville voted by proxy.

01:01:45 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner made a substitute motion that **SB 306 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:05:45

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([loh58aad.pdf](#))